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TO: Kane Simonian - Executive Director  
FROM: Wallace B. Orpin - Chief Engineer and Director of Site Development  
SUBJECT: Government Center - Demolition Bids - 10 State Street Building

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The M. DeMatteo Construction Company was the low bidder on the building at 10 State Street. Investigation of the firm was made by the Engineering Department and the following information ascertained:

The First National Bank of Boston has indicated that the M. DeMatteo Construction Company is in a strong financial position and that they have confidence in the management of the M. DeMatteo Company.

The Pre-qualifications Contract Officer of the State Department of Public Works was called on two of the work items which DeMatteo Construction Company has listed on their statement of Bidder's Qualifications. The State indicated that they had no problems with the Company. They had performed their work satisfactorily but that these two jobs were road construction jobs and that if there had been any demolition involved with them that would be a very minor part of the work. They had no direct knowledge of the DeMatteo Company's demolition qualifications or did they know if DeMatteo had performed such demolition themselves or subcontracted out their work.

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority was contacted on a 3,000,000 odd contract that DeMatteo had listed with the Turnpike Authority. Again, they stated that DeMatteo had performed satisfactorily on this work which was a road construction contract and that the demolition involved was a very small part of the contract involving some brick warehouses.

Mr. DeMatteo of the M. DeMatteo Construction Company was contacted and requested to send in further references which he did not do. Questioning of Mr. DeMatteo on his demolition experience he said that he had done some one, two and three-story buildings but had not done any buildings such as these eleven-story in the heart of the City.

The building at 10 State Street is located in a very congested area with streets on three sides of the building, subways under two of these streets, a very active subway station located directly across the street in the Old State House. It is an area which large quantities of automobile and pedestrian traffic are present and across relatively narrow streets are buildings which are occupied and in particular the Old State House which is an historical landmark. It will require very experienced and careful work to demolish this building and minimize all hazards and possibilities of accidents.



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As a result of the investigations, it is my opinion that Corey Steeple-jacks, Inc., who have been previously investiaged and are presently under contract with the Authority in two project areas, be considered the lowest qualified bidder.

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BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
73 TREMONT STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Tabulation of Bids  
July 26, 1965  
Demolition and Site Clearance  
Contract No. 6  
Project No. Mass. R-35  
Government Center  
Boston, Massachusetts

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>SECTION 3.1</u>	<u>SECTION 3.2</u> (With Salvage)	<u>SECTION 3.3</u>	<u>SECTION 4.1</u>	<u>SECTION 4.2</u> (Without Salvage)	<u>SECTION 4.3</u>
Corey Steeplejacks, Inc.	\$ 68,600	\$118,000	\$ 186,600	\$ 68,600	\$118,000	\$ 186,600
M. DeMatteo Construction Co.	\$ 70,000	\$100,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 80,000	\$110,000	\$ 190,000
John J. Duane So., Inc.	\$ 69,000	\$129,000	\$ 198,000	\$ 69,000	\$129,000	\$ 198,000
Central Bldg. Wrecking Co.	\$144,000	\$167,000	\$ 311,000	\$144,001	\$167,001	\$ 311,002
Maier & Fall Wrecking Co., Inc.	\$500,000	\$700,000	\$1,200,000	\$500,000	\$700,000	\$1,200,000

NOTE: SECTION 3.1 - Building at 7-25 Pemberton Square  
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SECTION 3.2 - Building at 10 State Street  
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SECTION 3.3 - Both buildings  
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